

# Central Baptist Church News

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Do you take care of your spiritual life with God,  
as well as the  
physical side of your life?

Life is much more than just food and play.  
Where will your final destination be?

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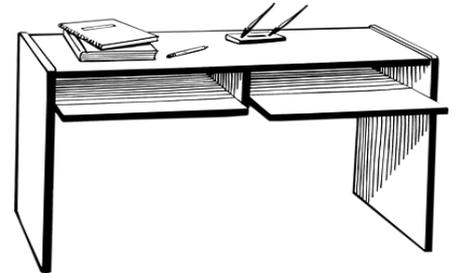
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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*By Pastor Dele Oke*



## **Back to basics – You must be born-again.**

**Answer:** What does it mean to be a born-again Christian?

In John 3:1-21 the Lord Jesus Christ is talking to Nicodemus, a prominent Pharisee. Nicodemus had come to Jesus at night with some questions.

Jesus answered, “I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again.”

“How can a grown man be born again?” Nicodemus asked. “He certainly cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time!”

“I am telling you the truth,” replied Jesus, “that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. A person is born physically of human parents, but is born spiritually of the Spirit. Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again. (John 3:3-7 GNB).

The phrase "born again" literally means "born from above." Nicodemus had a real need. He needed a change of his heart—a spiritual transformation. New birth, being born again, is an act of God whereby eternal life is imparted to the person who believes enabling the person to become alive to God through Jesus Christ.

But why does a person need to be born again you might ask? Romans 3:23 gives us the answer –

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God".

Sinners are spiritually “dead” to God. They exist, live and act in complete ignorance of their creator. When they receive spiritual life through faith in Christ, the Bible likens it to a rebirth. Only those who are born again have their sins forgiven and have a relationship with God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 states;

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

When one is saved, he/she has been born again, spiritually renewed, and is now a child of God by right of new birth. Trusting in Jesus Christ, the One who paid the penalty of sin when He died on the cross, is the means to be "born again."

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

If you want to accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour and be born again, say the prayer below. Remember however, saying this prayer or any other prayer will not save you. It is only trusting in Christ that can save you from sin. This prayer is simply a way to express to God your faith in Him and thank Him for providing for your salvation.

*"God, I know that I have sinned against you and am deserving of punishment. But Jesus Christ took the punishment that I deserve so that through faith in Him I could be forgiven. I place my trust in You for salvation. Thank You for Your wonderful grace and forgiveness—the gift of eternal life! Amen!"*

# APRIL 2016 – DIARY AT A GLANCE

**Deacon on Duty:** Sylvester Turner

Date	Events & People	Time
Wednesday's 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	Bible Study & Prayer Time (7.30pm Teas & Coffees – Starts at 7.45pm)	7.30pm–9.00pm
Every Saturday	Praise & Worship Practice	5.30pm
Last Sunday each Month	Visiting Team go out	After Morning Service

Date	Events & People	Time
Sunday 3rd Morning	<b>COMMUNION</b> Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Youth Meeting	11.00am  After Service
Sunday 3rd Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Vivienne Oke	6.30pm
Sunday 10th Morning	Lead: Benson Adedeji Preach: Jimmy Dale (NYC)	11.00am
Sunday 10th Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Dorcas Olakunbi	6.30pm
Sunday 17th Morning	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am
Sunday 17th Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Barbara Reynolds	6.30pm
Friday 22nd Evening	<b>Deacon's Meeting</b>	8.00pm
Sunday 24th Morning	Lead: Nenyi Mills-Robertson / Rachel Reynolds Preach: Pastor Dele Oke 13+ Stay In	11.00am
Sunday 24th Evening	No evening service	6.30pm

Date	Events & People	Time
Monday 25th Afternoon	60's Club	12.00pm
Tuesday 26th Evening	PMP	7.30pm-9.00pm
Friday 29th Evening	<b>Pray Night</b> 8.00pm Ayo Oke 9.00pm Benson Adedeji 10.00pm Tex Reynolds	8.00pm- 11.00pm

## ADVANCE NOTICE

- Stratford Churches together Barbecue – Saturday 11 June 2016
- Water baptism at CBC – Sunday 26 June (please contact Pastor Dele if you want to be Baptised)
- Church 'spiritual retreat' – Saturday 30 July 2016.

# FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Suzanne Gudgeon



Dear Friends

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all*

Spring is well and truly here and it's lovely seeing the daffodils and other spring flowers appearing with different shades of yellow, purple and white. It makes you feel full of joy and happiness, knowing that we move forward to summer and all that it brings to us.

At the beginning of March, we had our Church Meeting and during the course of the meeting we discussed our Away Day, which will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> July – details about this can be found elsewhere or listen to the notices. Also at the meeting, we looked at making gifts to organisations and we selected 7 in all. More details will be given in the next magazine.

Mother's Day has just taken place and as I write we are soon to celebrate Easter – A time when we remember Jesus giving His life for mankind – the saviour of the world.

Please continue to remember the countries where there is difficulties of one sort or another, especially where is conflict, especially the refugee crisis. And pray too for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering for being a Christian.

I have mentioned this before, but please also pray about Westfield Inspire – Faith Space. The work continues in manning the space. If you feel you can help being on the rota, please have a word with me.

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and keep walking in the pathway that leads to eternal life. *Have Faith in God – He never fails.*

# REPORTS

*Reports from across the Church*

## Prayer

*By Vivienne Oke*

Be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

- Please pray that God will open the right doors for our children. Halima, Rachel, Victory, Osazi and Nenyi - they are off to University in September.
- Pray for our children who are currently away at University. (Leone, Shade, Abigail, Aaron, Kenneth, Zac and Andrew). Pray that they will grow in Christ and that they will not be led into temptation.
- Pray for Cynthia, Tonji and Taiwo, Steve, David, Evan, Freddie and others seeking a total recovery.
- Please use this opportunity to pray for the forthcoming referendum on Europe.
- Please pray for the Pastor, Diaconate and Team leaders.
- Pray regarding our Away Day.
- Please pray that God will grant favour in the workplace, particularly those seeking to be released on Sunday's.
- Pray for CBC Stratford. God's will be done and God's kingdom comes.
- Continue to pray for marriages and for those seeking life partners.
- Please pray that God will add on Families to the church at CBC.
- Please pray for Chantal who takes her exams in May.

Your prayer is vital and will bring the supply of God's Spirit in the various situations we encounter.

# THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

*By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (14/03/2016)*

- Ethlyn Salmon – She knows that in her time of need, the Holy Spirit surrounds her with the Love of our Lord and fills her heart with peace. Please continue to pray for her responses to the physiotherapy.
- Doreen Waterman – Give thanks to God for He is good all the time, praise God, she feels a bit better and her prayer request is that the Lord will give her strength to come out soon.
- Virginia Reynolds – The Bible says ‘He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak’. Please continue to pray for her peace and strength.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – The Lord has been gracious to them in many ways. Please continue to pray for them to rest in God’s providence and peace.
- Icilda May – The visit to her last month was encouraging. She gives thanks to God for the joy He brings to her each day. Please pray that she will be able to find strength to go about
- Dorothy Lee – She knows that through the longest night and the loneliest moment, God’s love surrounds her and His strength upholds her. Pray for her wellbeing.
- Mr Moses Williams – Please continue uphold him in your prayers as well as the family.
- May Gardner – She praises God for His blessings and patiently waits for His Strength.
- Calbert Tucker – Praise God for the development in his health. Please continue to intercede for him for complete healing.
- Freddie Bongomin – Thank God for the recent visit to the fellowship. By faith we know that the Lord will do whatever is best for him.

# NEWS FROM CORNWALL

*By Ron Meloy (27th February)*

At the moment the sun is shining although there is a cold wind just to remind us that officially British Summertime does not begin until Sunday 27th of March.

Regretfully this year three long standing members have died, two very active members have moved and two more were involved in a car accident thankfully with only minor injuries. On Monday the funeral takes place of our former minister Rev. Joan Watson at St. John's Methodist Church in St. Austell. Joan arrived at the church a few weeks before me and persuaded me to become a steward after my membership was transferred from CBC. I thought this involved giving out the hymn books etc... but soon found out it involved much more and I am still doing it!!!

Next Sunday 6th March is Mothering Sunday a tradition that has been going on for about 400 years and held on the 4th Sunday in Lent exactly three weeks before Easter, originally, a day to honour and give thanks to the Virgin Mary, and to show love and gratitude to our mothers. I am so grateful to my mother who sent me to the Primary Department of the CBC and encouraged me to keep attending over the years even when at times I did not want to go.

If you visit Cornwall you can be sure to see the Cornish Flag of St. Piran [white cross on a black background] representing white tin flowing from the black rock or good overcoming evil. St. Piran is the patron saint of tin miners. We are well aware that it is going to be cold and there will be snow and ice so we are well prepared and will be unrecognisable underneath all our clothing - More news about this next month.

A Prayer: Eternal God, through the self-offering of your Son you have filled our lives with your presence. Help us in our sufferings and trials and strengthen us in our weakness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# CHURCH EVENTS

## Over 60's Club

*By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker*

John (the exerciser) is going to take us through our paces, so I hope you will try to attend. The April meeting is on Monday 25th at the usual time. God Bless.

## Junior Church

*By Pat Reynolds*

With immediate effect the rota is place on the 'Rota Notice Board' in Church and the Main Notice Board. Copies are available – kindly ask the Stewards.

**Last entry in CN:** Junior Church Prayers - Sunday 24th April at 10.15 -10.30am Led by Pat Reynolds.

## Other Events

*By Nab Mills-Robertson*

### Outreach

- **Food Bank** – Please see Claudette Burke and Lillieth Adebisi if you want to assist.
- **Teen Challenge** – **Stratford Drop-In**

Bus Outreach every Saturday 8.30pm – 11.30pm.  
'Drop In' at CBC every Monday 3.00pm – 5.00pm.  
Anyone interested in helping should speak to Nab.

**Street Pastors** - CBC Team goes out **every fourth Friday**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

*By Leadership/Central News Team*

March Birthday missed - Apology to Peter Eni – 3rd march

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Virginia Reynolds (Mrs)	22nd	Yasmin Horrabin-Newman
5th	Tex Reynolds	23rd	Blessing Nwabuzor
10th	Magdalene Ogbeifun	23rd	Favour Nwabuzor
12th	Jacqueline Trotman	25th	Esther Madu-Kwatamdia
12th	Yvonne Thomas	26th	Merle Nickie
12th	Frank Smith	27th	Cleo Brown
16th	Robert Toonga	27th	Kevin M Nziramasanga
20th	Louis (Jeff) Augustine	27th	Ansel McLeod
22nd	Damian Burke	29th	Shaquille Harvey Cared
22nd	Angeline Cross		

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
16th	Pat & Sylvester Turner	28

### EARLY MAY BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Dele Olajide	2nd	Doris Francis
1st	Allen Olatuja	3rd	Terry Newman

### EARLY MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
2nd	Harriet & Nab Mills-Robertson	29
3rd	Elizabeth & Godwin Falade	36

**BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FROM ALL OF US AT  
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **Junior Church Anniversary**

*By Pat Reynolds*

The Junior Church will soon be celebrating its 162nd Anniversary. We give God thanks for preserving the ministry among the children, for those who have gone through the departments and those who currently attend.

The theme this year is 'Daniel a man after God's own heart'. In preparation for this, the children will be learning their lines for plays and sketches.

After the service, lunch will be provided for the church. We are counting on your support as usual in any way you can.

A list will be placed at the back of the church to add your name if you are able to help with catering, serving, decorating the hall, cleaning.

Thank you and God bless.

## **My 'Sponsored' Walk**

*By Pat Reynolds*

Hi all

I will be doing my sponsored walk this year on Saturday 23rd April 2016. If you would like to sponsor me, there is a form at the back of the church to fill in your details. A map of the route is also at the back of the church.

You are also welcome to join me. This year's walk is 'Around the Orbit' Olympic Park in Stratford and Hackney. Thank you for your support. God bless

# Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne Gudgeon



This month the flowers are being provided by the following friends:

Date	Provided by
3rd	DATE FREE
10th	Claudette Ramsey (in memory of Arnold)
17th	DATE FREE
24th	Suzanne & Irene Gudgeon (in memory of Rene Oxley)

As you can see from the list above, there are a few date available.

Do you have something special to celebrate, a birthday, anniversary or another occasion, then why not provide flowers in the church to celebrate. It is a lovely way to celebrate by sharing with the church through the Ministry of Flowers. If you want to know more, please have a word with me – I will be happy to speak with you.

Please could you put your contribution in an envelope with your name and date you are providing flowers, place it in the collection, at least two weeks before the date you have selected. God bless you all and thank you for your support in this ministry.

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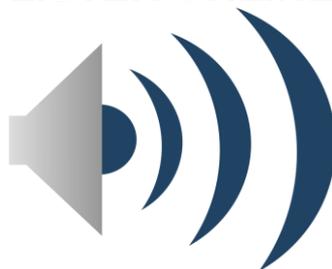
## CN Reminder by email

*By CN Team*

For those who place articles in the CN by email - please note that there will be no further email reminders from the Central News team, instead please note the **10th of every month** in your diary for your item to be emailed/received by the CN team for inclusion in that months CN.

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